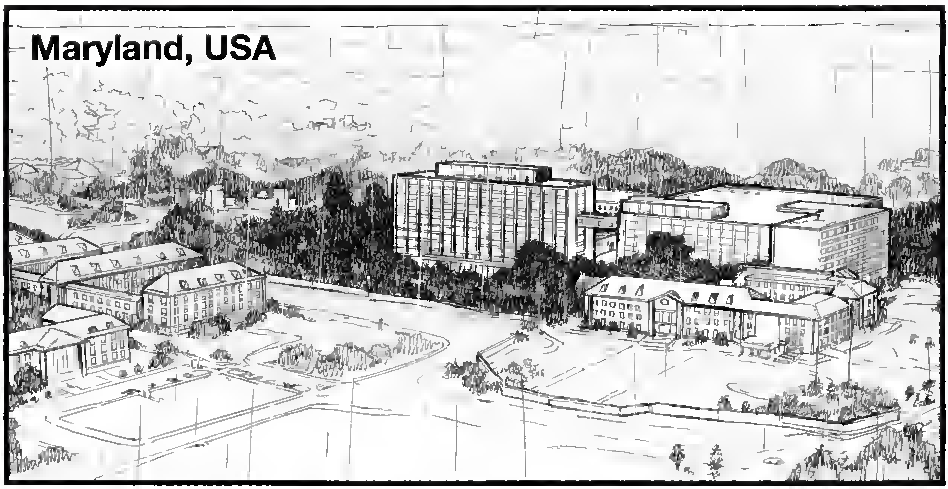
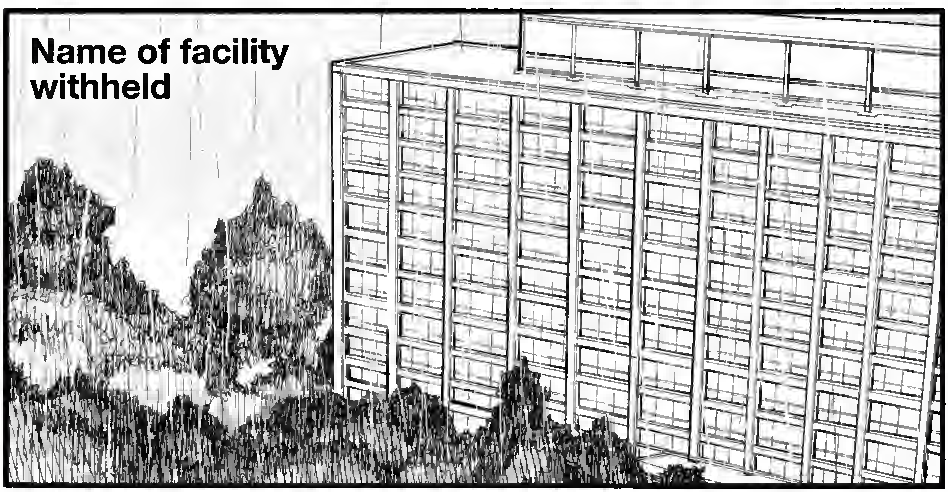
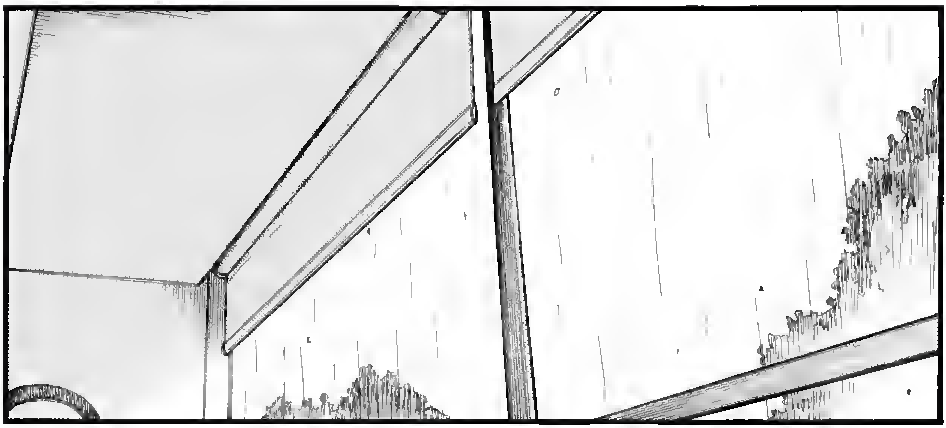
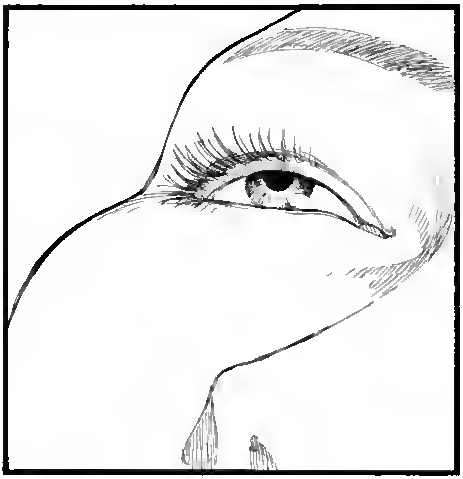
Approximately twenty months earlier

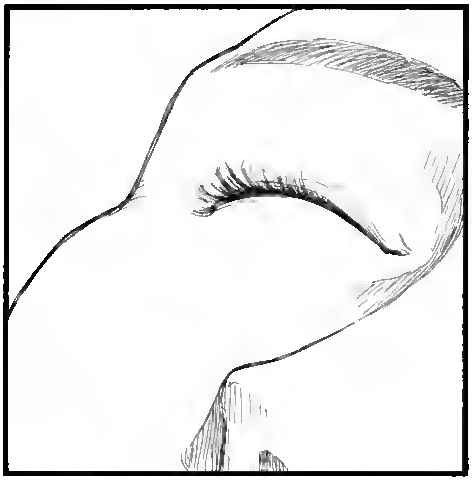
Three days after the Shinya Nakamura incident.

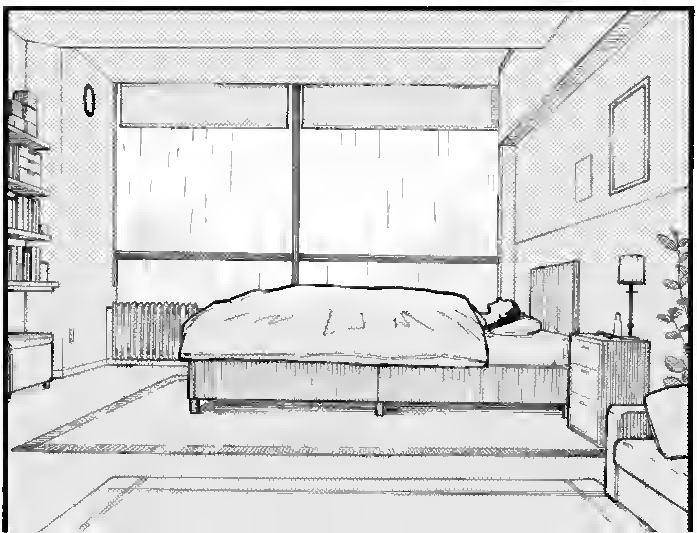


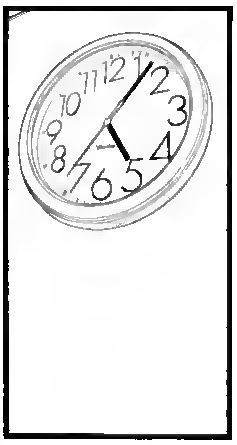








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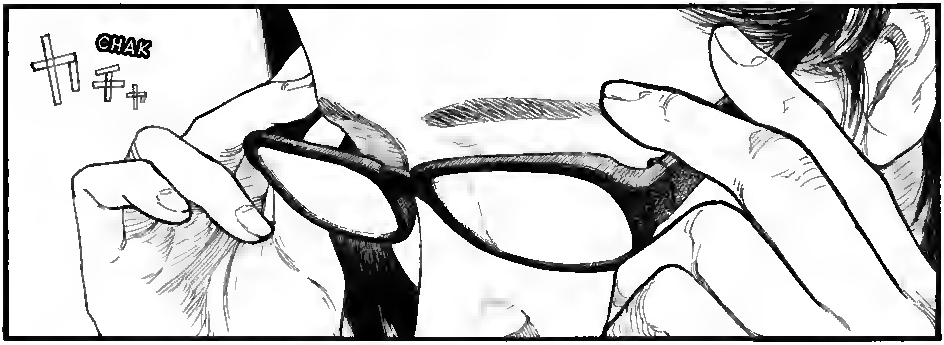
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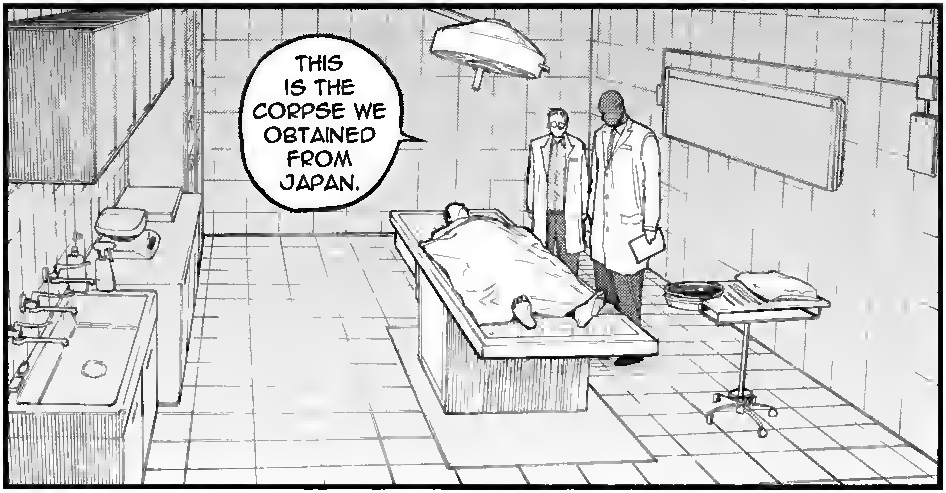
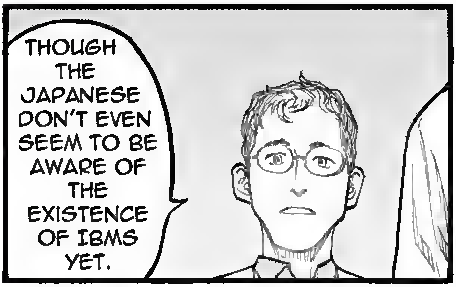
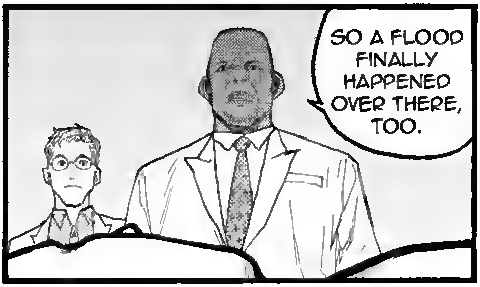
File 46: Good Morning, See You Tomorrow


THIS IS THE CORPSE WE OBTAINED FROM JAPAN.


THOUGH THE JAPANESE DON'T EVEN SEEM TO BE AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF IBMS YET.


SO A FLOOD FINALLY HAPPENED OVER THERE, TOO.

ARE DEMI-HUMANS
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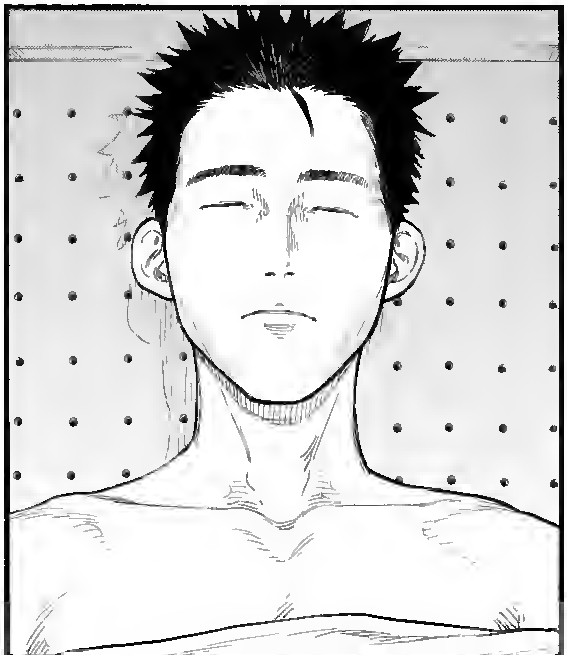
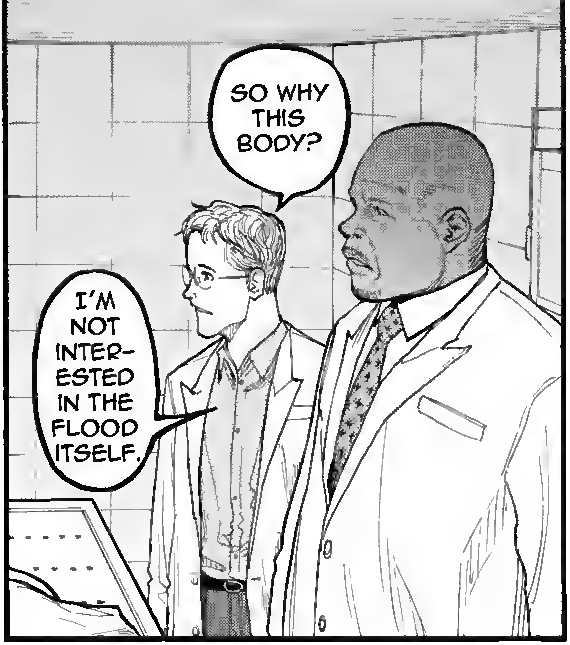
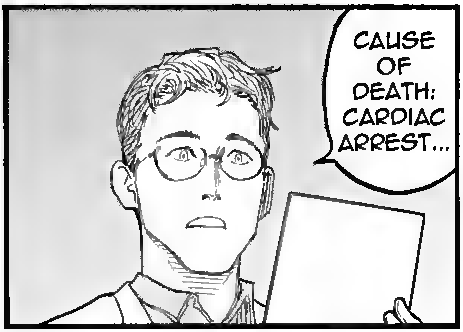
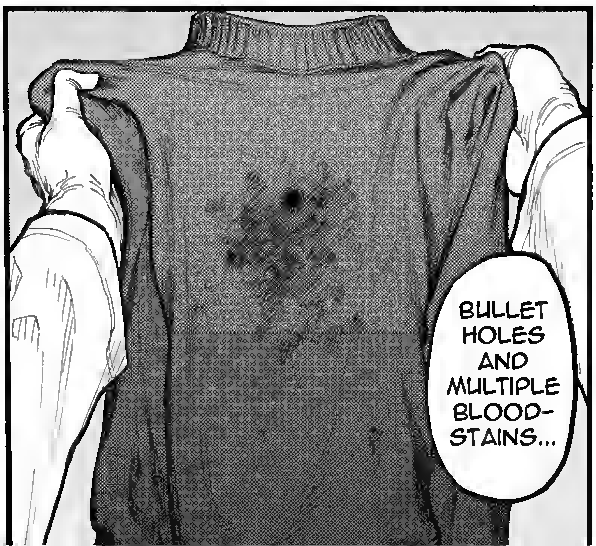


I'M INTER-ESTED IN THIS.


SO WHY THIS BODY?
I'M NOT INTER-ESTED IN THE FLOOD ITSELF.

THESE ARE THE CLOTHES HE WAS WEARING.


CAUSE OF DEATH: CARDIAC ARREST...


BULLET HOLES AND MULTIPLE BLOOD-STAINS...

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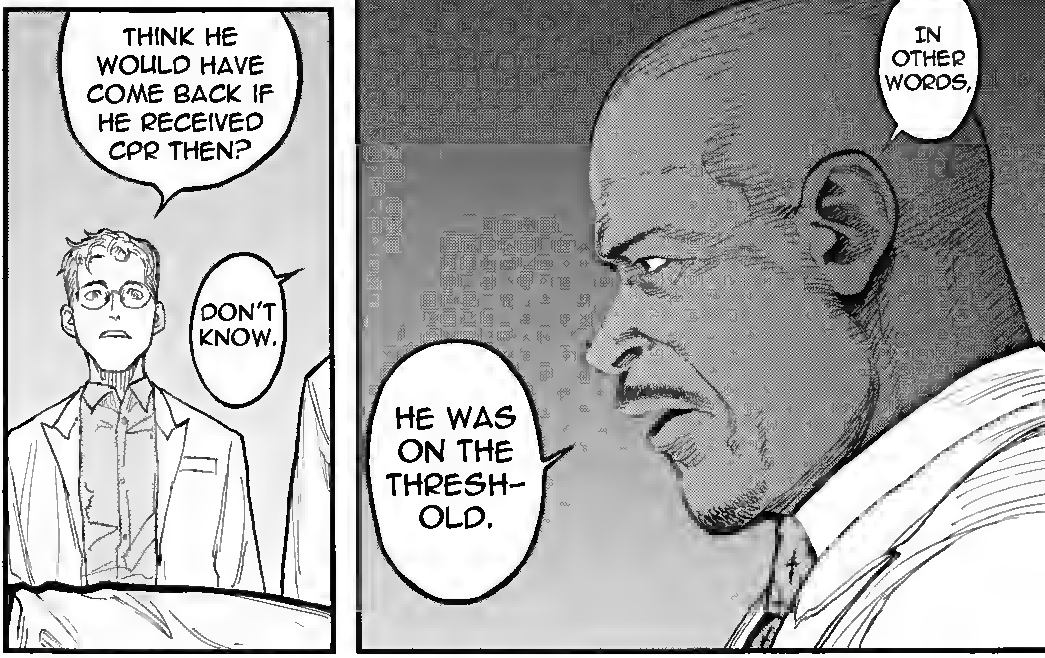
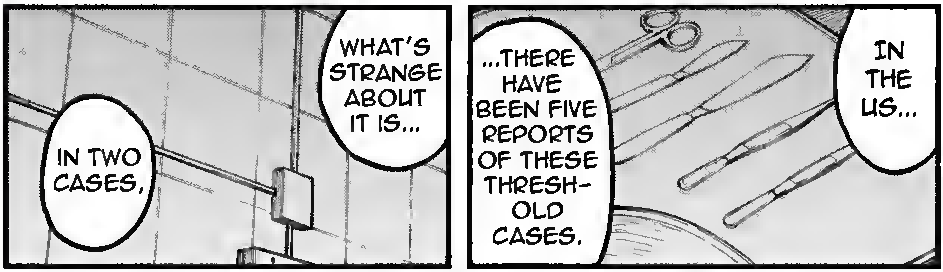
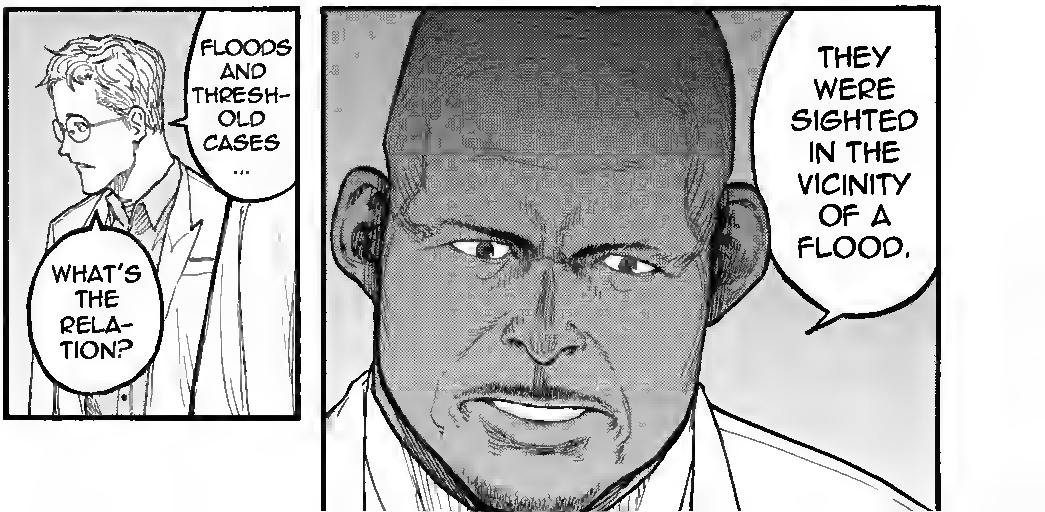
HUH ?
THE GUNSHOT WOUND WAS HEALED,
BUT HE COULDN'T REACH THE POINT OF BEING REVIVED...OF BECOMING A DEMI-HUMAN.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

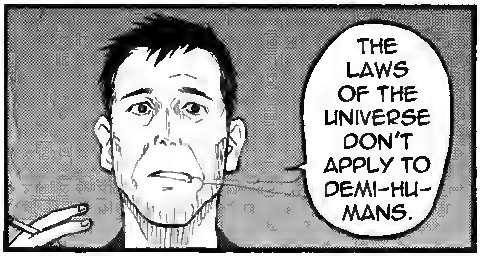

THINK HE WOULD HAVE COME BACK IF HE RECEIVED CPR THEN?
DON'T KNOW.
IN OTHER WORDS,
HE WAS ON THE THRESH-OLD.

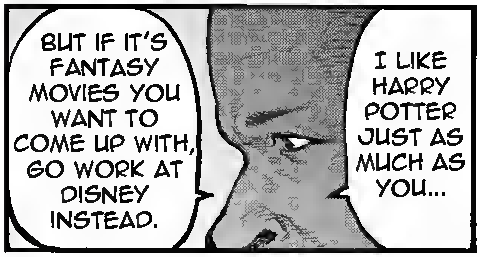

IN TWO CASES,
WHAT'S STRANGE ABOUT IT IS...
...THERE HAVE BEEN FIVE REPORTS OF THESE THRESH-OLD CASES.
IN THE US...


WHAT'S THE RELA-TION?
FLOODS AND THRESH-OLD CASES ...
THEY WERE SIGHTED IN THE VICINITY OF A FLOOD.

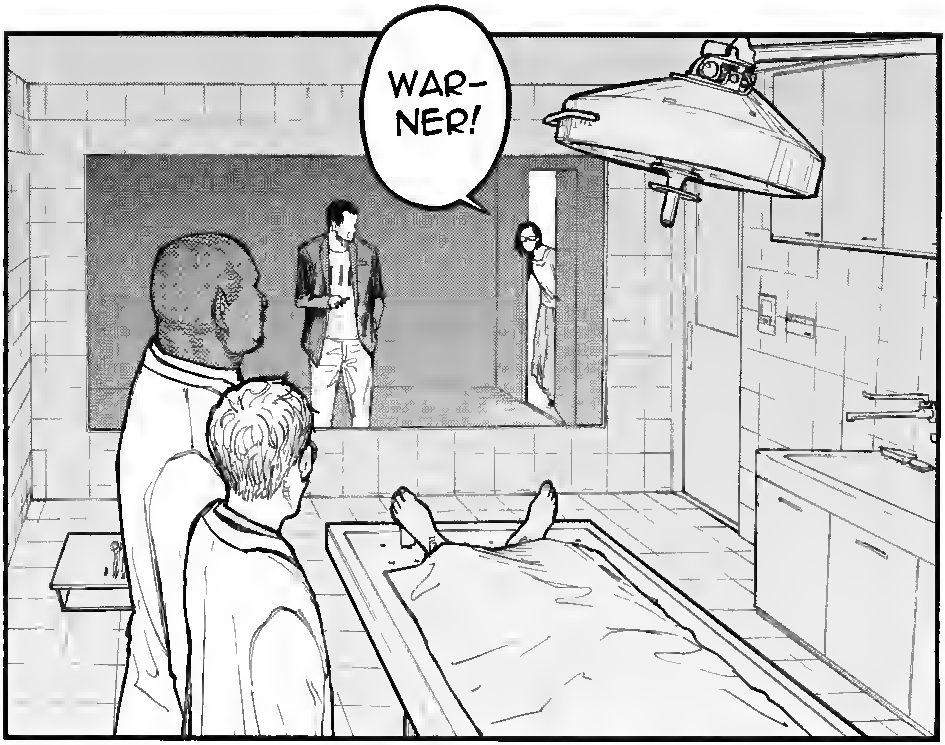
I BELIEVE THAT THESE PHENOME-NA...
...CAN PROVIDE US WITH A HINT ABOUT HOW DEMI-HUMANS ARE BORN.
THE WAY IN WHICH DEMI-HUMANS ...
...AND IBMS ARE CREATED...
...MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF SCIENTIFIC BASIS.
IT'S POINT-LESS, DOCTOR SMITH.

YOU'RE GOING UP TO A SPANISH BEAUTY...
...AND TRYING TO PICK HER UP WITH A BUNCH OF ENGLISH LINES.


THE LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE DON'T APPLY TO DEMI-HUMANS.


I LIKE HARRY POTTER JUST AS MUCH AS YOU...
BUT IF IT'S FANTASY MOVIES YOU WANT TO COME UP WITH, GO WORK AT DISNEY INSTEAD.

DOCTOR OGURA... PLEASE, ENOUGH WITH THE BAD METAPHORS.
AND DON'T SMOKE THERE, EITHER!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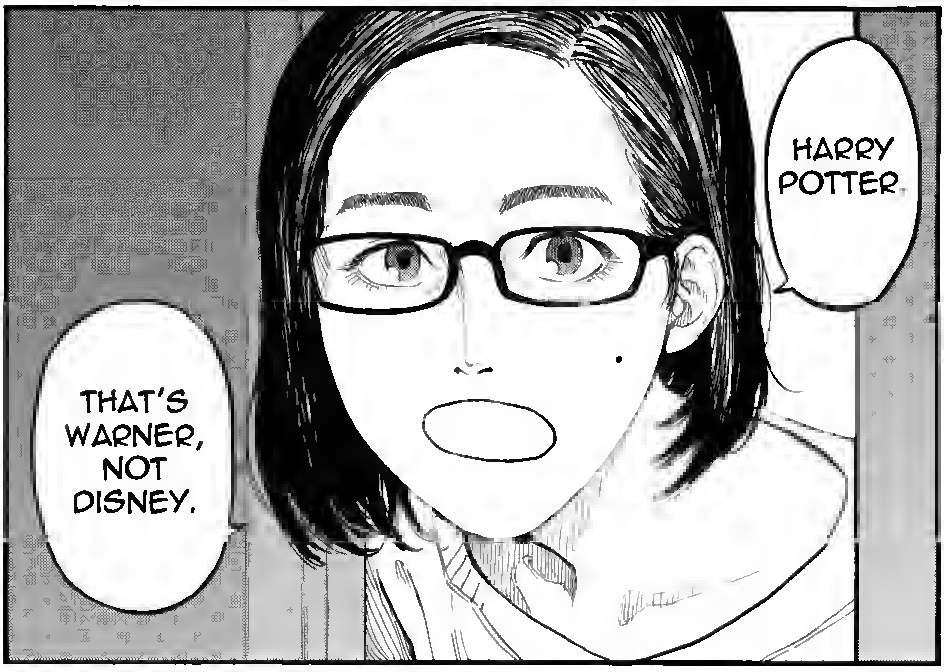
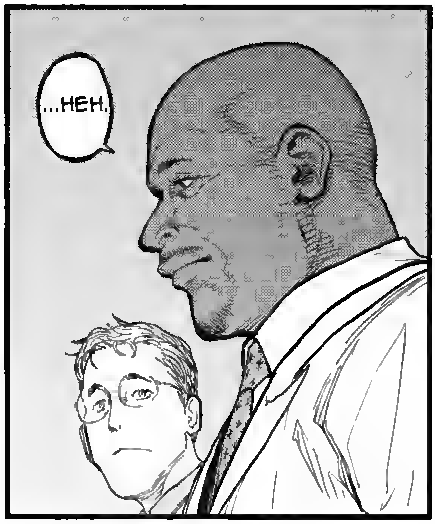
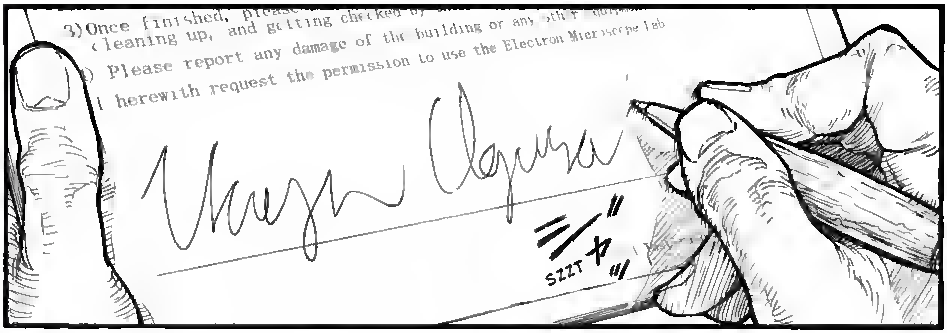

HARRY POTTER.
THAT'S WARNER, NOT DISNEY.

OH, RIGHT!
MISTER OGURA!
...ER, UM.
...
THAT'S... NOT WHY I'M HERE...?
AND HEY!
THERE'S NO SMOKING HERE!!
YOU FORGOT YOUR SIGNATURE ALL OVER THESE!
LOOK!
LET'S GO.
THP

SMOKING
AREA


...HEH.


3)Once finished, Please
cleaning up, and getting checked by
) Please report any damage of the building or any other
I herewith request the permission to use the Electron Microscope lab
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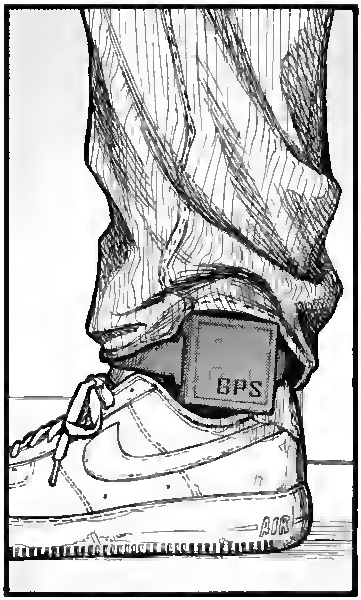
SMOKING
AREA
MMM
NOW OVER HERE.
OKAY

THEY'RE CUTTING THE DEMI-HUMAN RESEARCH BUDGET EVERY YEAR.
THAT'S TOO BAD. YOU'RE SO COOL, AFTER ALL.
THE OTHERS WORKING HERE DON'T SEEM TO BE RECEPTIVE TO YOUR OPINIONS.
HUH! IS THAT SO.
OH. NOT THERE, OVER HERE.
THE HIGHER-UPS FIGURED IT OUT.
DEMI-HUMANS ARE BEYOND THE GRASP OF MODERN SCIENCE.
BULL SHIT
BAM
IT WOULD BE FAR MORE ECONOMICAL TO USE THE MONEY IMPROVING BLOOD BANKS OR SOMETHING INSTEAD.

THEY GO AND ASK ME, "AREN'T ALL CIGA-RETTES THE SAME, ANYWAY ?"
AND TO TOP IT OFF,
THE DAMN STORE'S OUT OF AMERICAN SPIRITS AGAIN.
HI, JIM!
CAMEL
I'LL TALK TO THEM LATER.
HA-HA!
WELL, AMERICANS DON'T SMOKE CIGARETTES ANYMORE.
IDI-OTS.
WE HAVE TESTS SCHED-ULED FOR THIS WEEK-END.
MAYBE THEY DON'T WANT YOU TO SMOKE TOO MUCH.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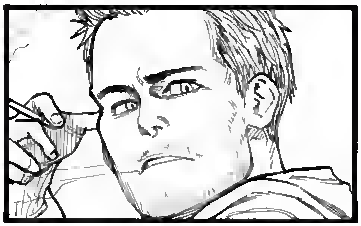
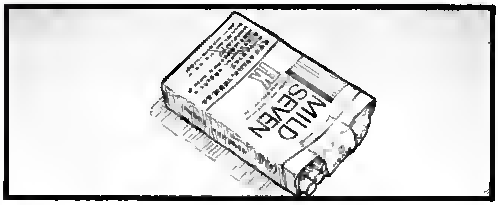


I'M A DEMI-HUMAN.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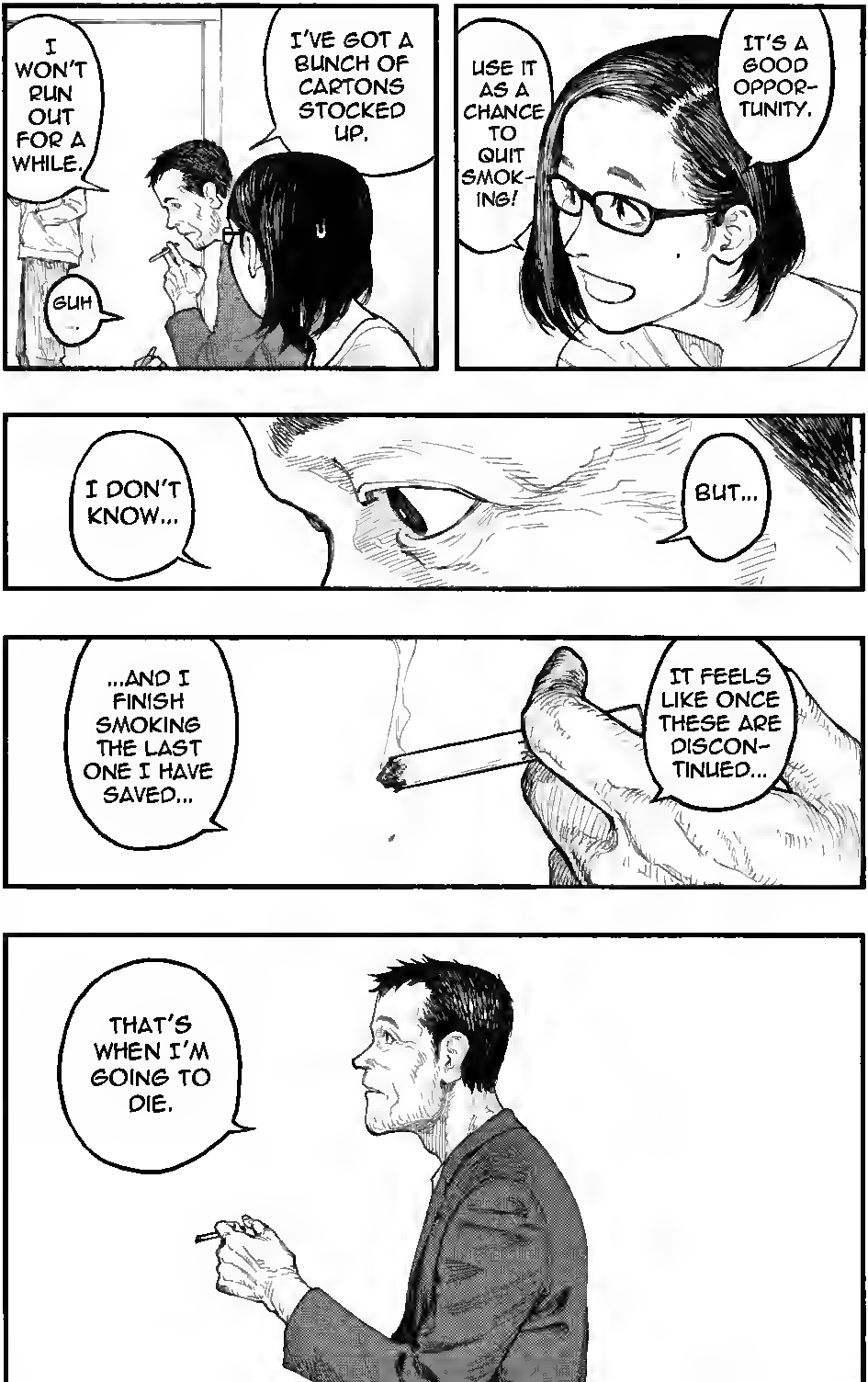
WHAT A DAMN SHAME

PLUS THEY'RE STOPPING PRODUC-TION ON THEM SOON.
THEY'RE JAPA-NESE.

INTERESTING BRAND YOU GOT THERE, DOCTOR.


I WON'T RUN OUT FOR A WHILE.
I'VE GOT A BUNCH OF CARTONS STOCKED UP.
GUH...
USE IT AS A CHANCE TO QUIT SMOKING!
IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.
I DON'T KNOW...
BUT...
...AND I FINISH SMOKING THE LAST ONE I HAVE SAVED...
IT FEELS LIKE ONCE THESE ARE DISCONTINUED...
THAT'S WHEN I'M GOING TO DIE.

THE HELL'S THAT MEAN?
IT'S JUST
A VAGUE FEELING I HAVE.
AND SEE IF YOU COME BACK TO LIFE.
THEN HURRY UP AND KICK THE BUCKET,
I FEEL READY TO DIE OF BOREDOM, YOU KNOW.
DE-SPITE MY IM-MOR-TALITY.
THEN IT'LL BE WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF THE CAGED BIRDS.

THEY'RE PLAYING A MOVIE IN THE LECTURE HALL TONIGHT.
YOU LIKE MI-CHAEL BAY, RIGHT?
JIM!
BAM
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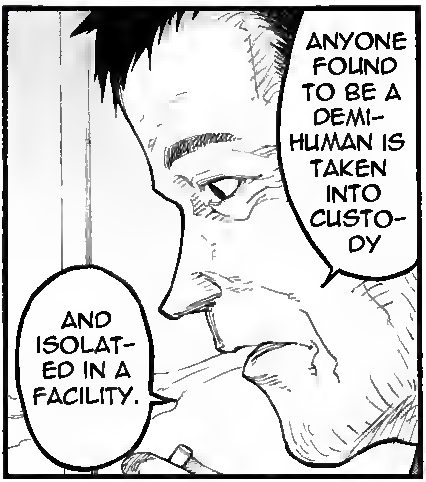
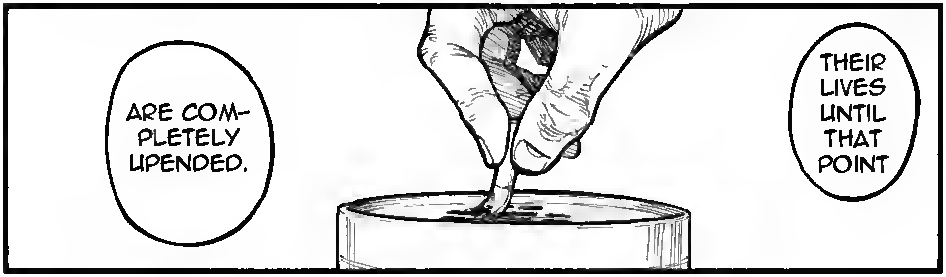
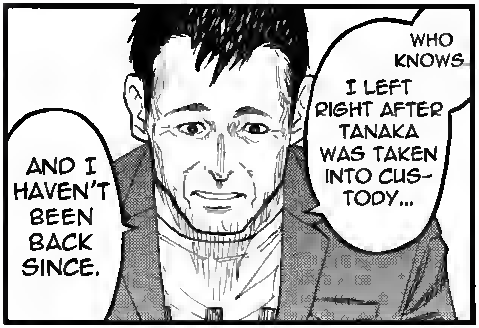
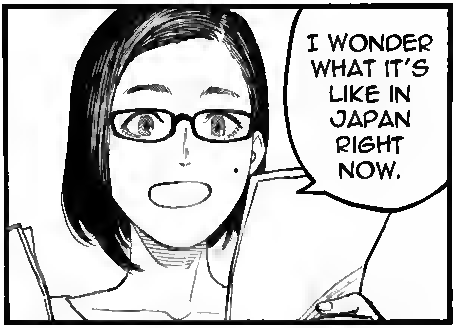
I'M TAKING A SHIT AND GOING TO SLEEP.
HE'S SO PRICKLY!

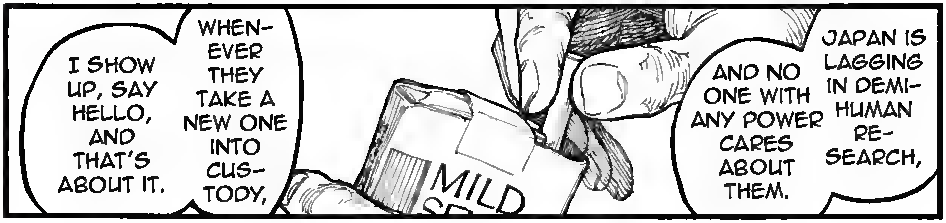

ANYONE FOUND TO BE A DEMI-HUMAN IS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY
AND ISOLATED IN A FACILITY.

ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TREAT DEMI-HUMANS IN ROUGHLY THE SAME WAY, INCLUDING AMERICA.


ARE COMPLETELY UPENDED.
THEIR LIVES UNTIL THAT POINT


WHO KNOWS.
I LEFT RIGHT AFTER TANAKA WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY...
AND I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK SINCE.


I WONDER WHAT IT'S LIKE IN JAPAN RIGHT NOW.


I SHOW UP, SAY HELLO, AND THAT'S ABOUT IT.
WHENEVER THEY TAKE A NEW ONE INTO CUSTODY,
JAPAN IS LAGGING IN DEMI-HUMAN RESEARCH,
AND NO ONE WITH ANY POWER CARES ABOUT THEM.

THEN IN '05...
THAT VIDEO LEAKED OF THE US MILITARY'S UNAUTHORIZED AND INHUMANE EXPERIMENTS ON DEMI-HUMAN PRISONERS OF WAR.
THAT ONLY MADE THINGS WORSE.
BE-CAUSE OF THE WAY IT'D CHANGE YOUR WHOLE LIFE,
ANYONE WHO REALIZES THEY'RE A DEMI-HUMAN ...
...TENDS TO HIDE THE FACT.
THERE ARE DIS-CUSSIONS EVERY NOW AND THEN
ABOUT WHETHER CURRENT DEMI-HUMAN MEASURES VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS...
BUT THEY'RE ALSO SAFETY MEA-SURES.
THERE'S A WHOLE HEAP OF QUESTIONS SURROUND-ING DEMI-HUMANS.
AND NOW IBMS SHOW UP, TOO.
EVERY COUNTRY MUST BE STRUGGLING AS WE SPEAK
WITH HOW TO PUBLICLY ADDRESS THEM.
HUH!
SOUNDS REALLY TOUGH

OB-LA-DI, OB-LA-DA, LIFE GOES ON.
THE BEAT-LES.
NO? NOT REAL-LY.
SOON-ER OR LATER, THEY'LL ALL REMEM-BER.
DEMI-HUMANS ARE JUST PLAIN INTERESTING.

TAKING A BREAK?
WHY YES, I AM.

AHH.
RATTLE
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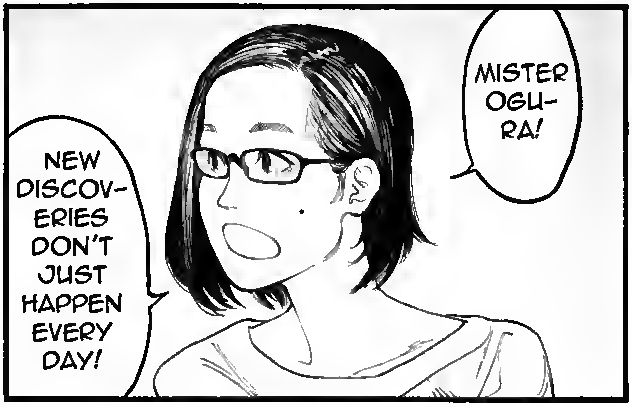
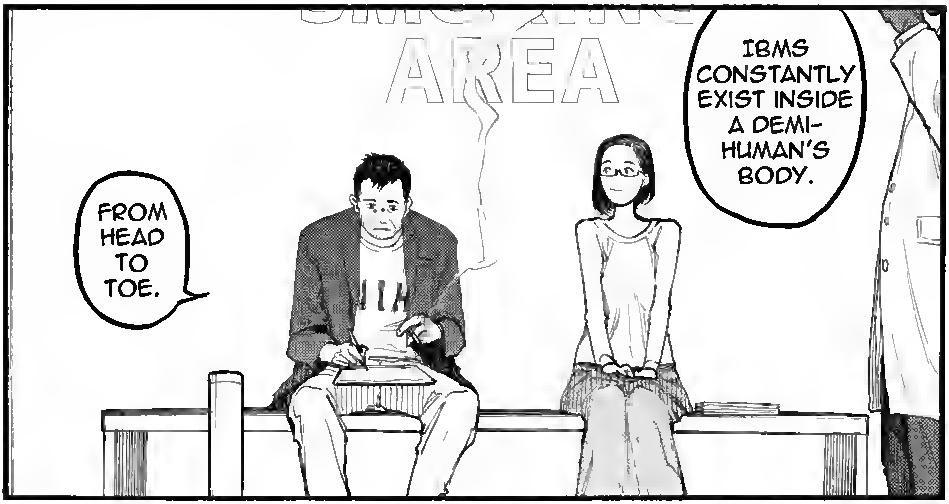
...

FIGURE ANY-THING OUT?

WHAT EXACT-LY IS A FLOOD?


MISTER OGU-RA!
NEW DISCOV-ERIES DON'T JUST HAPPEN EVERY DAY!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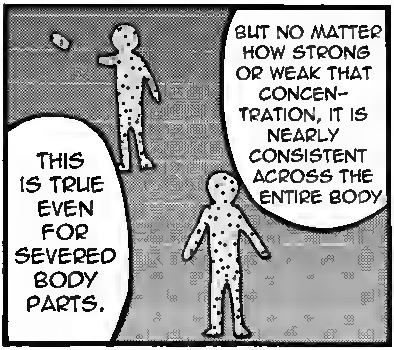
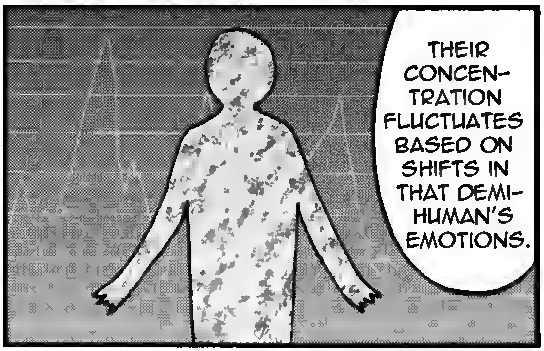
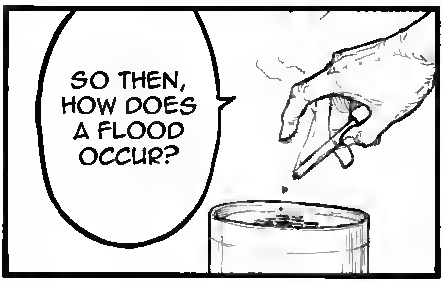
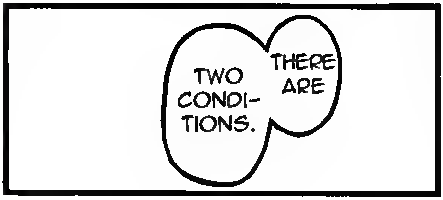
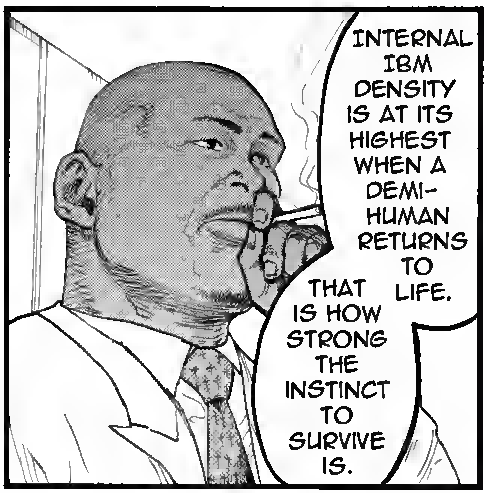
IBMS CONSTANTLY EXIST INSIDE A DEMI-HUMAN'S BODY.
FROM HEAD TO TOE.


BUT NO MATTER HOW STRONG OR WEAK THAT CONCENTRATION, IT IS NEARLY CONSISTENT ACROSS THE ENTIRE BODY.
THIS IS TRUE EVEN FOR SEVERED BODY PARTS.

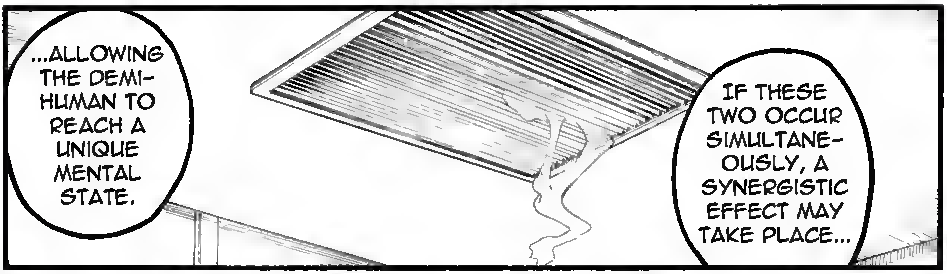

THEIR CONCENTRATION FLUCTUATES BASED ON SHIFTS IN THAT DEMI-HUMAN'S EMOTIONS.


SO THEN, HOW DOES A FLOOD OCCUR?


THERE ARE TWO CONDITIONS.


INTERNAL IBM DENSITY IS AT ITS HIGHEST WHEN A DEMI-HUMAN RETURNS TO LIFE.
THAT IS HOW STRONG THE INSTINCT TO SURVIVE IS.

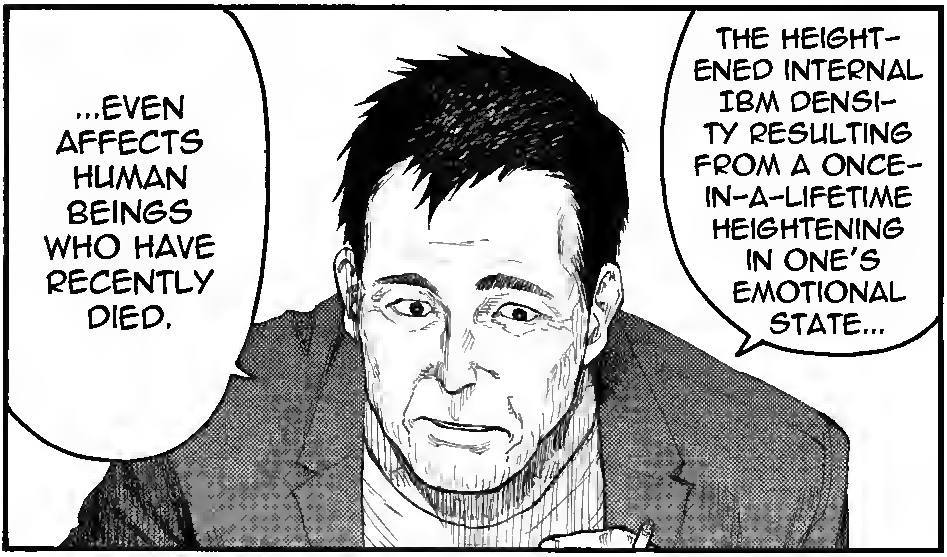
AND AN INCREASE IN IBM CONCENTRATION WHEN COMING BACK TO LIFE.
A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HEIGHTENING OF ONE'S EMOTIONS,


...ALLOWING THE DEMI-HUMAN TO REACH A UNIQUE MENTAL STATE.
IF THESE TWO OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY, A SYNERGISTIC EFFECT MAY TAKE PLACE...

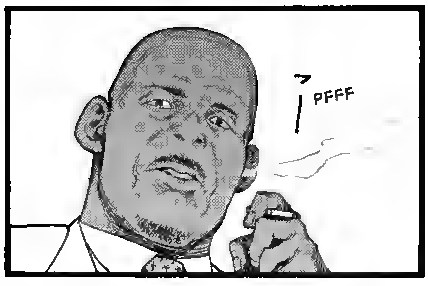
OKAY.
LET'S GO BACK TO THE VERY START OF OUR DISCUSSION.

YES.
IT CAUSES A DELUGE, JUST AS THE NAME IMPLIES.

I'LL PUT IT SIMPLY.
...OBSERVED SIMULTANEOUSLY?
WHY ARE THRESHOLD CASES AND FLOODS ...


...EVEN AFFECTS HUMAN BEINGS WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED.
THE HEIGHTENED INTERNAL IBM DENSITY RESULTING FROM A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HEIGHTENING IN ONE'S EMOTIONAL STATE...

SUZUKI.
ARE JAPANESE MEN ALWAYS THIS QUICK TO START GOING ON ABOUT NONSENSE?
WHO KNOWS.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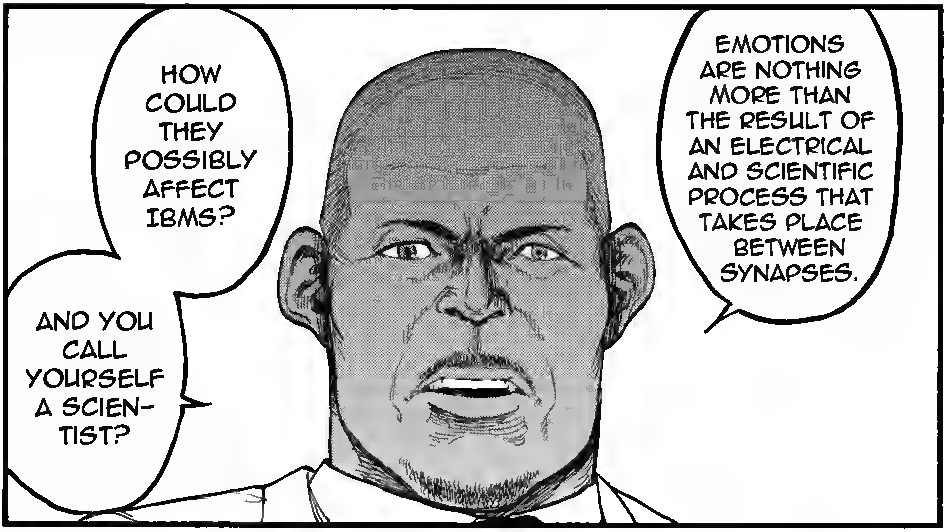
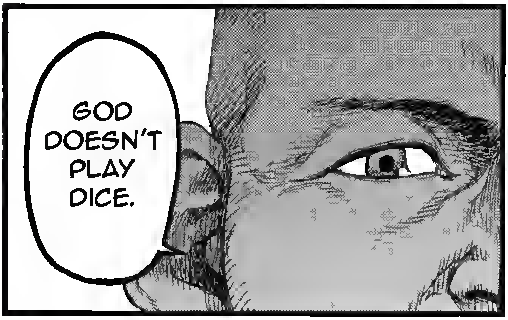
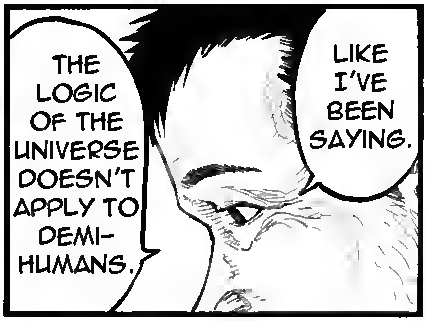
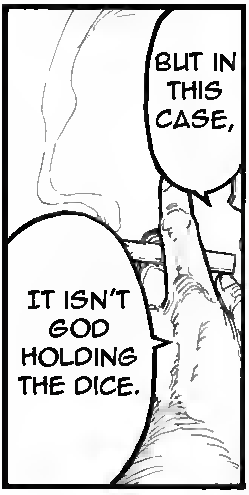

HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY AFFECT IBMS?
EMOTIONS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN THE RESULT OF AN ELECTRICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROCESS THAT TAKES PLACE BETWEEN SYNAPSES.
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A SCIEN-TIST?


GOD DOESN'T PLAY DICE.

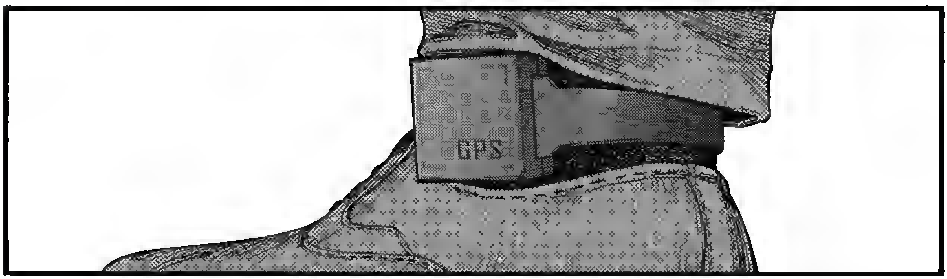

THE LOGIC OF THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T APPLY TO DEMI-HUMANS.
LIKE I'VE BEEN SAYING.


BUT IN THIS CASE,
IT ISN'T GOD HOLDING THE DICE.

OF COURSE NOT!

IT'S HU-MANS.
YOU DON'T MAKE A LICK OF SENSE.
AS A SCIENTIST.
I PROMISE YOU, I'M FIGURING OUT AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS...

I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY OWN BODY.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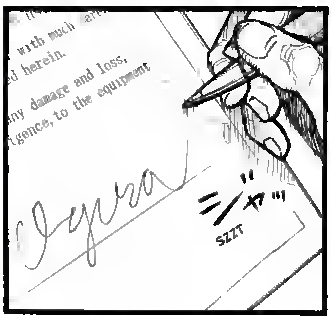
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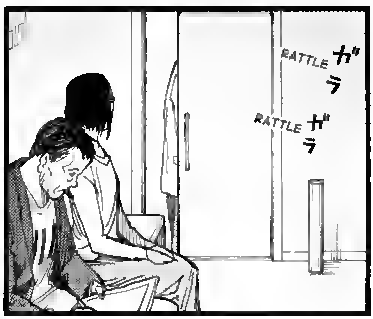
IF ONLY HE COULD LOOK AT IT MORE SIMPLY.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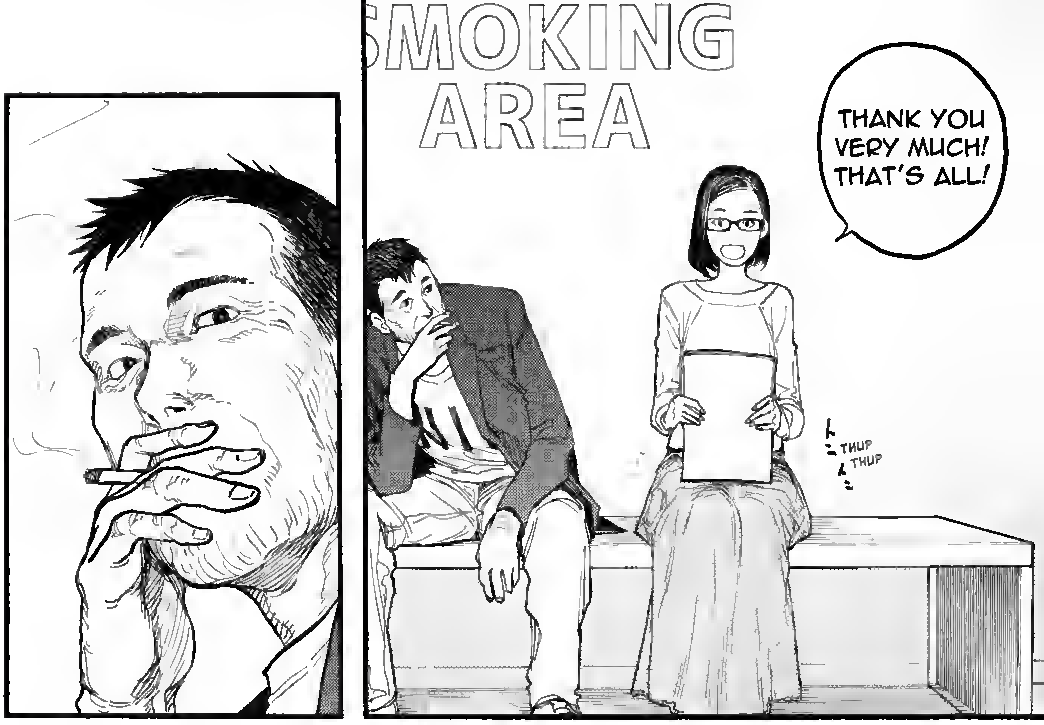
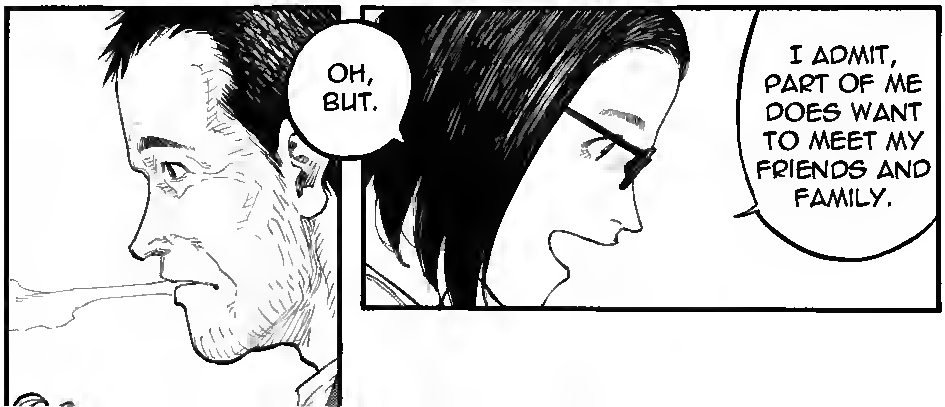
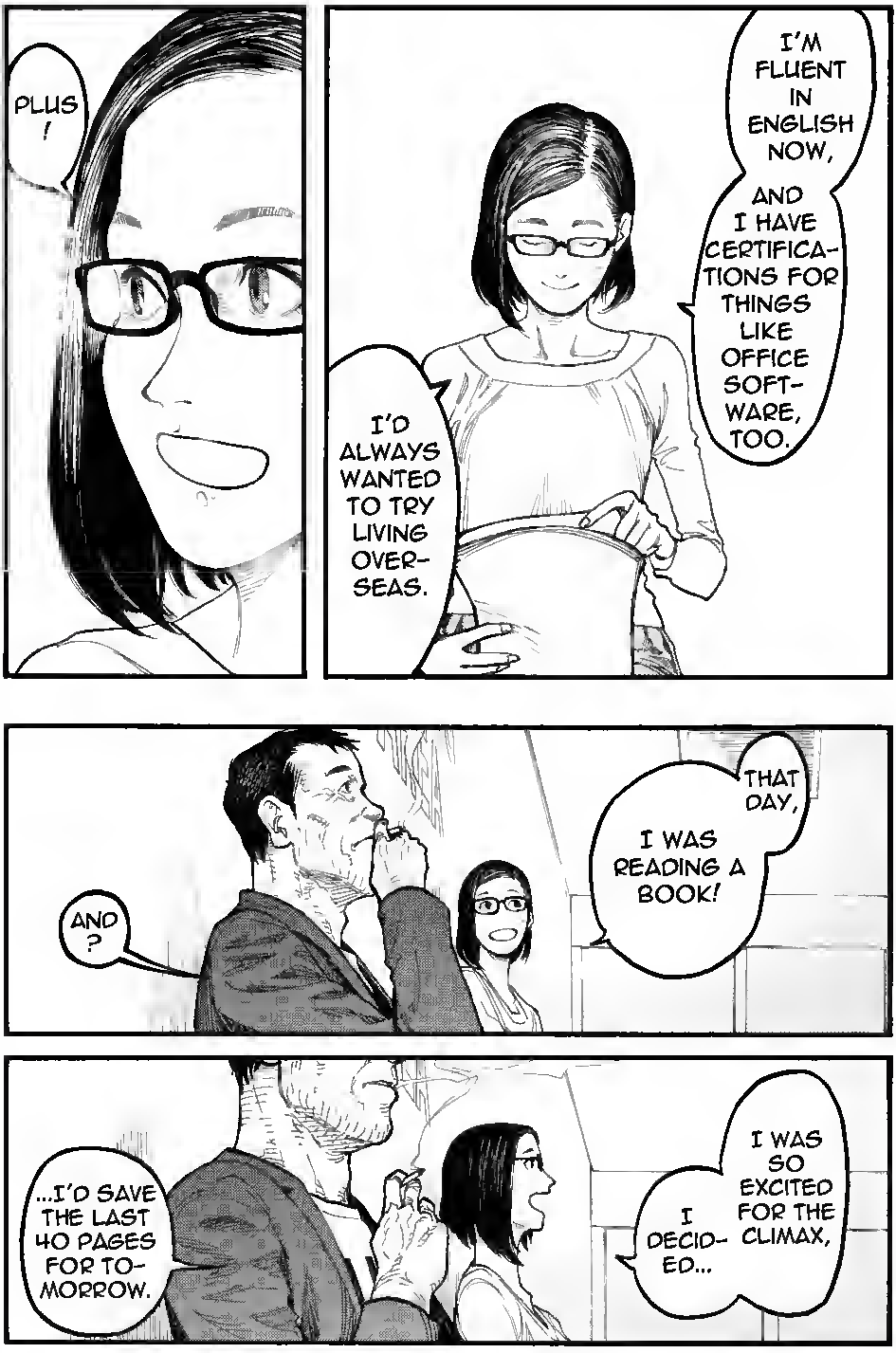
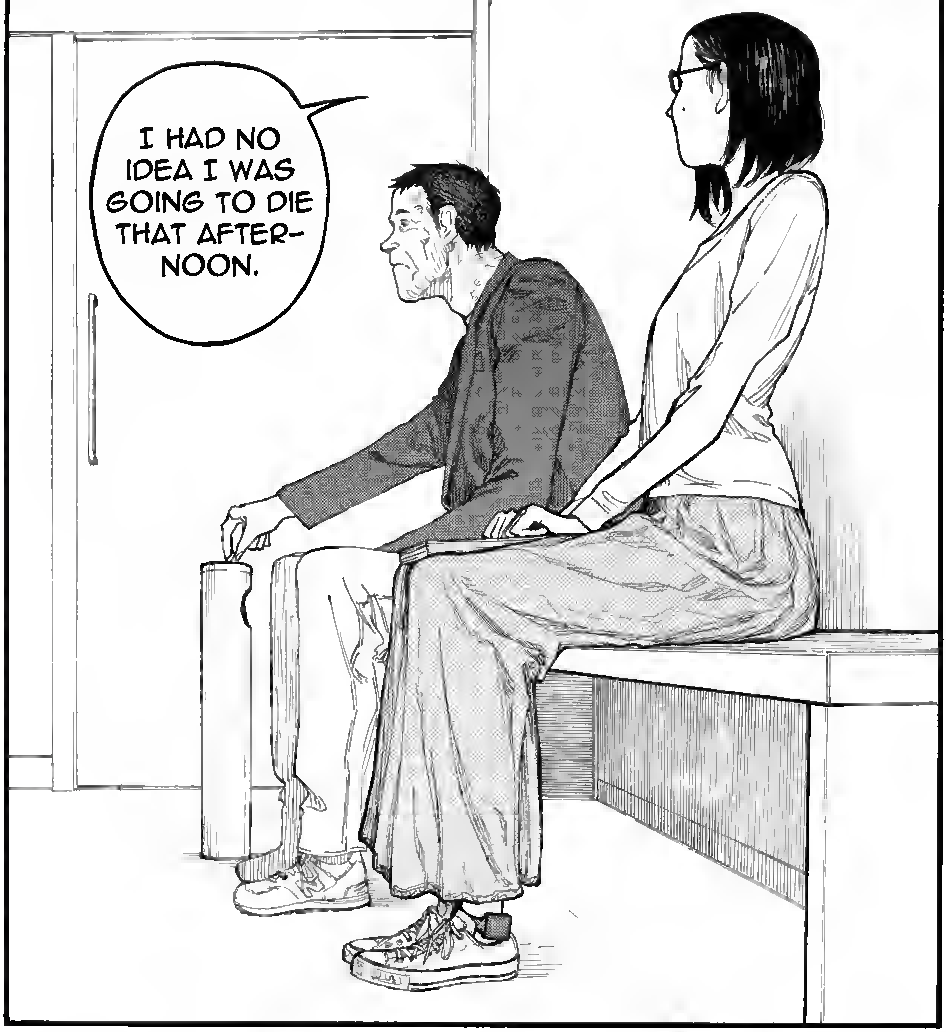
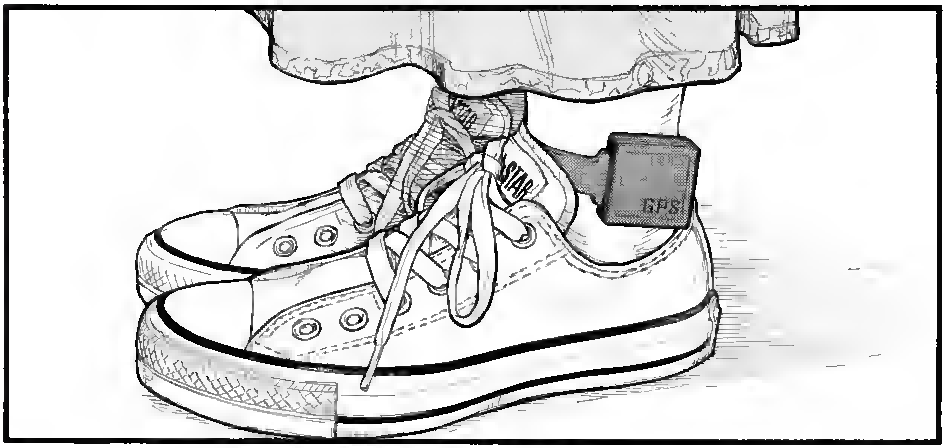

SMOKING AREA
THANK YOU VERY MUCH! THAT'S ALL!
THUP
THUP

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY FROM JAPAN?
HMM... I'M 32 THIS YEAR, SO...
OVER TEN YEARS, I SUP-POSE.


I ADMIT, PART OF ME DOES WANT TO MEET MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY.
OH, BUT.


PLUS!
I'M FLUENT IN ENGLISH NOW,
AND I HAVE CERTIFICATIONS FOR THINGS LIKE OFFICE SOFTWARE, TOO.
I'D ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY LIVING OVERSEAS.
AND?
THAT DAY, I WAS READING A BOOK!
I WAS SO EXCITED FOR THE CLIMAX,
I DECIDED...
...I'D SAVE THE LAST 40 PAGES FOR TOMORROW.


I HAD NO IDEA I WAS GOING TO DIE THAT AFTER-NOON.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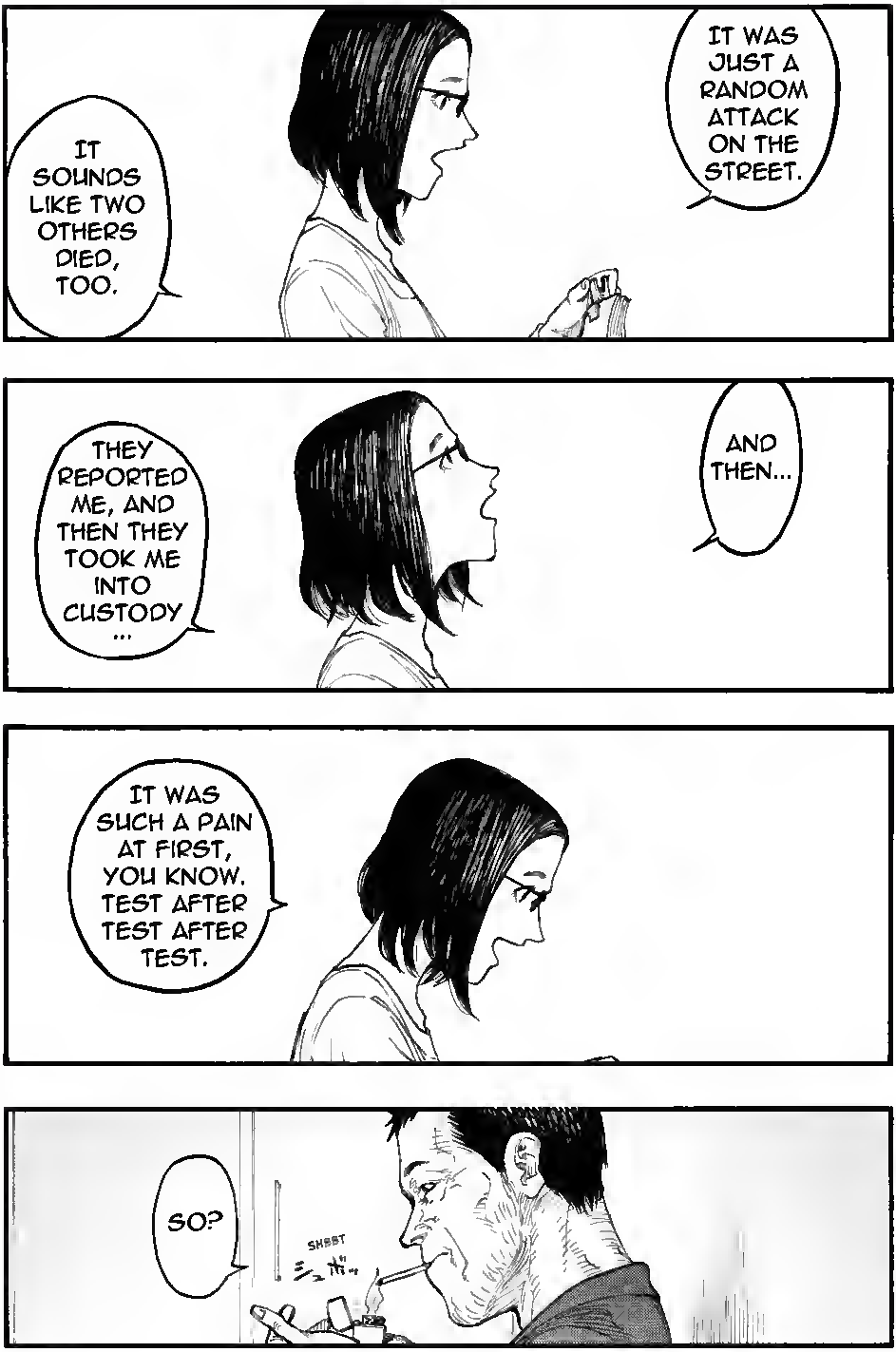
IT WAS JUST A RANDOM ATTACK ON THE STREET.
IT SOUNDS LIKE TWO OTHERS DIED, TOO.
AND THEN...
THEY REPORTED ME, AND THEN THEY TOOK ME INTO CUSTODY ...
IT WAS SUCH A PAIN AT FIRST, YOU KNOW. TEST AFTER TEST AFTER TEST.
SO?
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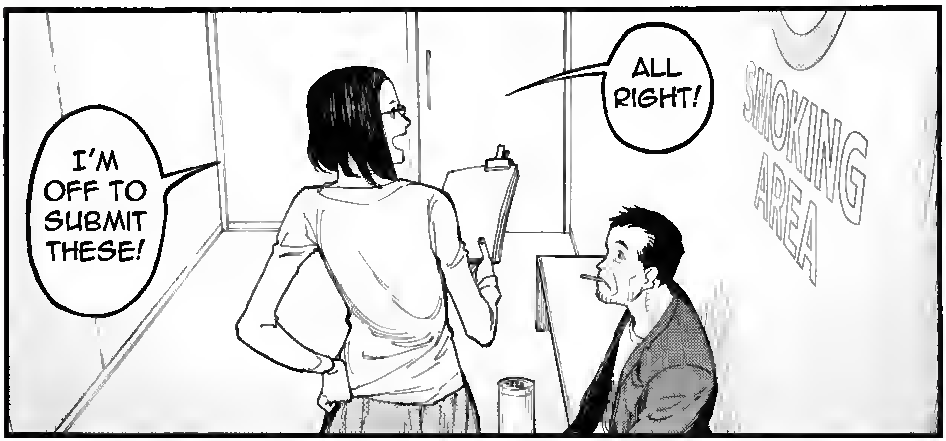
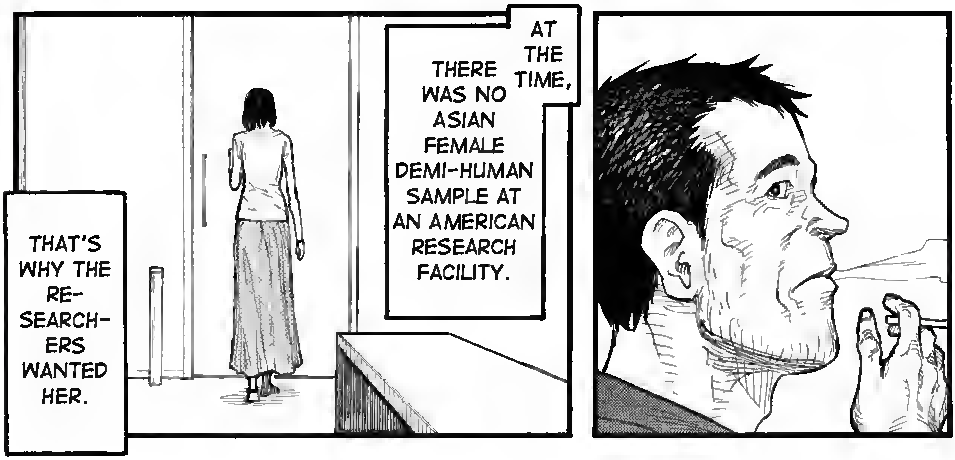
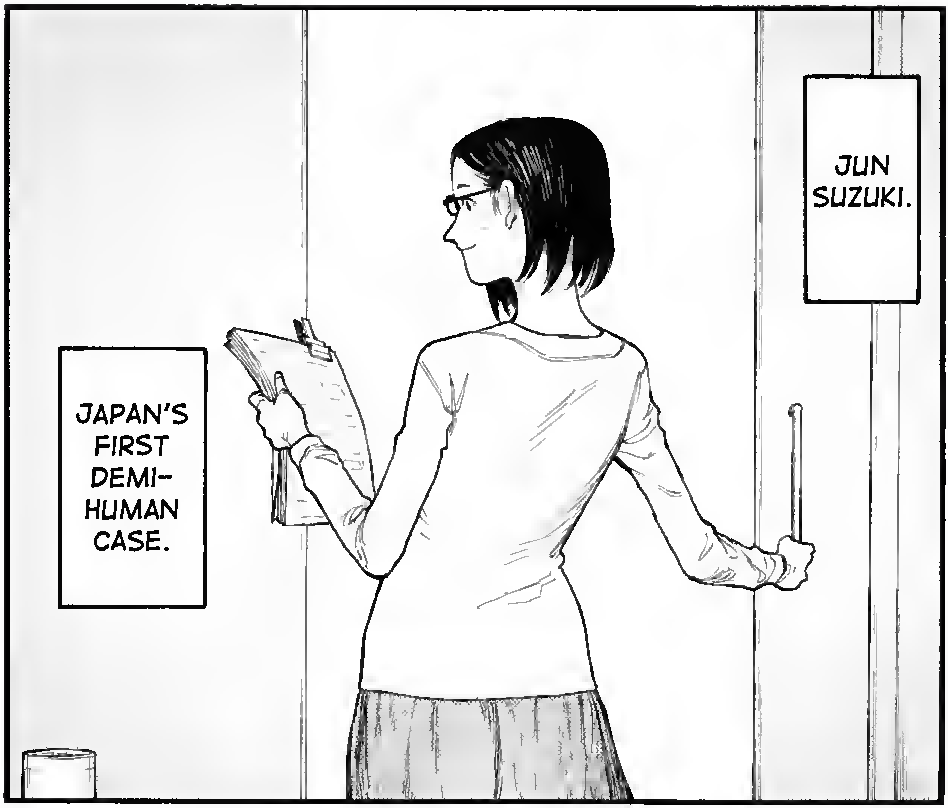
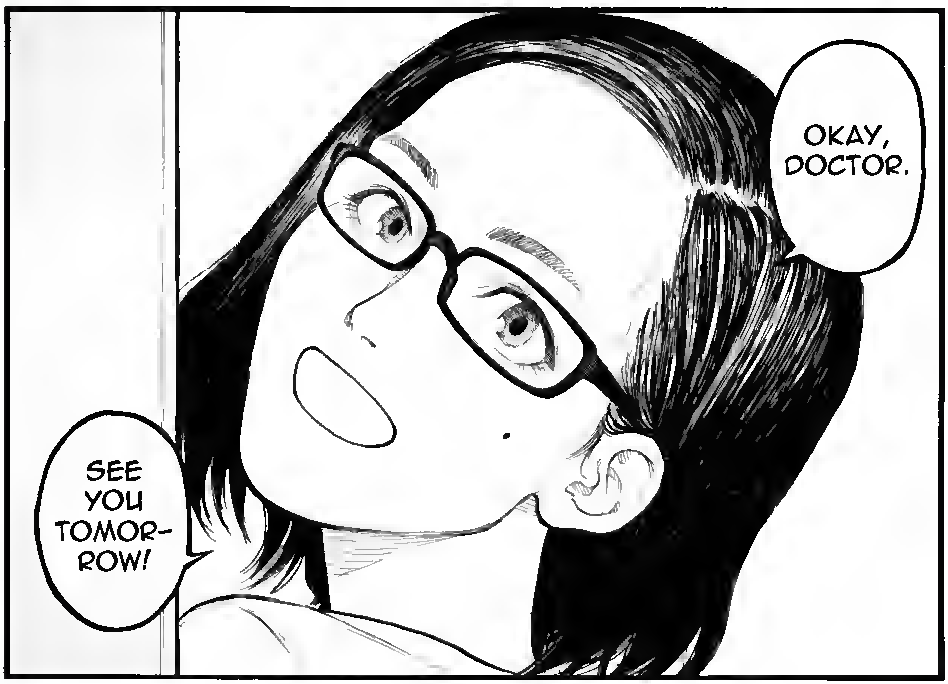
THE LAST 40 PAGES
WERE SO INCREDI-BLE!

GLAD TO HEAR IT.


I'M OFF TO SUBMIT THESE!
ALL RIGHT!
SMOKING AREA


THAT'S WHY THE RE-SEARCH-ERS WANTED HER.
AT THE TIME, THERE WAS NO ASIAN FEMALE DEMI-HUMAN SAMPLE AT AN AMERICAN RESEARCH FACILITY.


JUN SUZUKI.
JAPAN'S FIRST DEMI-HUMAN CASE.


OKAY, DOCTOR.
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!